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In re application of

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CLAMP DEVICE FOR TELESCOPIC TUBES
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Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the following documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed sheet.

As the USPTO has waived the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and patent publication for applications filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. references are not enclosed, as the present application is filed after June 30, 2003. Copies of the cited foreign patent documents and/or non-patent literature are enclosed.

A concise explanation of the relevance of the following items is that we are advised by our client that these references were discovered during any searches they or

their client had made, or that they were considered in the preparation of the application:

AT 404 324 B discloses a clamping device on the inner tube of two tubes inserted into one another having a threaded rod fixed unable to turn. A clamping part is placed over this threaded rod. The clamping part interacts with a cone which is screwed onto the threaded rod ("expansion body"). The cone adjoins the inside of the outer tube into which the inner tube is inserted in the manner of a telescope, so that when the tubes are turned to one another the cone, depending on the direction of rotation, is moved in the direction toward the expansion clamping part or away from it. By the corresponding turning the clamping part can be expanded and thus the position of the tubes to one another can be fixed. If the direction is to be changed, turning takes place in the opposite direction in order to release the clamping device and a new position can be set.

AT 397 355 B discloses a pole of the type walking stick or ski pole having a variable length and comprising two tubes inserted into one another. In order to clamp the two tubes relative to one another a clamping part is provided. The clamping part comprises a cone acting as a spreading part which interacts with a spreading bushing such that the cone spreads the bushing of the spreading part when the two tubes are loaded.

In addition, the remaining documents are also made of record on the enclosed sheet.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these latter items is that we are advised by our client that these references were cited in the Austrian Patent Office in the corresponding Austrian application AT 007 093 U1. A copy of the Austrian search report in which they were cited is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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